

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A recording method comprising the steps of:

providing a recording limited area in which data has been recorded on a recording medium that has a recording limit and is recognized as an area in which recording of information cannot be performed;

canceling the recording limit for the recording-limited area; and

recording information in said recording-limited area after said canceling of the recording limit.

2. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises a step of recording allocation information for said recording-limited area in said recording medium.

3. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises canceling the recording limit using predetermined software.
4. (Currently Amended) A recording method according to Claim 1, further comprising:
providing pre-recorded information as the data that has been recorded on the recording medium;
issuing an instruction to record information to said recording medium prior to the canceling of said recording limit; and
issuing an instruction for reading the pre-recorded information in response to the recording instruction being issued.
5. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said pre-recorded information is an advertisement.
6. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein said pre-recorded information is recorded in said recording medium.
7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 4, further including displaying said pre-recorded information via an external information distribution means.
9. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit limits recording by rendering an ID error detection code of address information for said recording-limited area inconsistent with an ID corresponding to said ID error detection code, and the canceling of the recording limit is performed by rendering said ID error detection code thus made inconsistent, to be consistent with said ID.
10. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and wherein allocation information is erased by erasing predetermined information in said recording-limited area.
11. (Currently Amended) A recording method, comprising the steps of:
providing a recording limited area in which data has been recorded on a recording medium that has a recording limit and is recognized as an area in which recording of information cannot be performed, and wherein information about the position of said recording-limited area is in an encrypted form;

decrypting said information about the position that is in encrypted form by
predetermined software; and

recording data on the recording medium including said recording limited area.

12. (Previously Presented) A method of decrypting information according to Claim 11, wherein said recording-limited area is allocated in a distributed manner in a user area of said recording medium.

13. (Currently Amended) A recording medium comprising:
a recording-limited area in the recording medium,
wherein the recording-limited area includes a recording limit and is recognized as an area in which recording of information cannot be performed as a result of managing an address of the recording-limited area in a defect management table, and
wherein the recording limit is configured to be canceled so that recording of information in said recording limited area can be performed after said recording limit is canceled.

14. (Original) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible.

15. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 14,
wherein said recording limit is canceled in response to reading predetermined
information, and
wherein said predetermined information and said allocation information are recorded at
the same location.

16. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 13,
wherein said recording limit is canceled in response to reading predetermined
information, and
wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.

17. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, further
including a step of
providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording
medium so that said recording limited area is recognized as defective, and
wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said recording
limited area to be no longer recognized as defective.

18. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 1, further
including a step of canceling said recording limit following an occurrence of a specified event.

19. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 18, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 11, further including a step of

providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that said recording limited area is recognized as defective, and

wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no longer recognized as defective.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said step of canceling the recording limit takes place after an occurrence of a specified event.

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 21, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

23. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 13,
wherein the recording limit causes said recording limited area of the recording medium to be recognized as defective, and

wherein the recording limit is able to be canceled by causing said recording limited area to be no longer recognized as defective.

24. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 13, wherein the recording limit is configured to be canceled in response to an occurrence of a specified event.

25. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 24, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

26. – 28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 26, further comprising displaying the predetermined data in said step of playing back the predetermined data, and then performing said recording step.

30. – 39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) A recording method according to Claim 26, further including a step of

providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that said recording limited area is recognized as defective, and

wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no longer recognized as defective.

41. – 43. (Canceled)

44. (New) A method of recording information on a recording medium including a user area in which information is written or read, and an administrative area, said user area including a specific area in which a write operation is logically prohibited, comprising the steps of:

recording address information of the specific area to said administrative area;

after occurrence of an event, deleting the address information of the specific area from said administrative area; and

executing a write operation in said specific area described by the recorded address information.

45. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, wherein the write operation is logically prohibited by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said specific area impossible, and the step of deleting the address information of the specific area comprises a step of recording allocation information for said specific area in said administrative area.

46. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, wherein the write operation is logically prohibited by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said specific area impossible, and the step of deleting the address information of the specific area comprises deleting the address information of the specific area using predetermined software.

47. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, further comprising:
providing pre-recorded information;
issuing an instruction to record information to said recording medium prior to the deleting the address information of the specific area; and
issuing an instruction for reading the pre-recorded information in response to the write instruction being issued.

48. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, wherein said pre-recorded information is an advertisement.

49. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, wherein said pre-recorded information is recorded in said recording medium.

50. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, further including displaying said pre-recorded information via an external information distribution means.

51. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, wherein the write operation is logically prohibited by rendering an ID error detection code of address information for said specific area inconsistent with an ID corresponding to said ID error detection code, and the deleting the address information of the specific area is performed by rendering said ID error detection code thus made inconsistent, to be consistent with said ID.

52. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, wherein the write operation is logically prohibited by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said specific area impossible, and wherein allocation information is erased by erasing predetermined information in said specific area.

53. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, wherein said step of recording address information includes encrypting the address information, and wherein the step of deleting the address information of the specific area includes decrypting the encrypted address information using predetermined software.

54. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, further including a step of providing said write operation to be logically prohibited by configuring the recording medium so that said specific area is recognized as defective, and wherein said step of deleting the address information of the specific area includes causing said specific area to be no longer recognized as defective.

55. (New) A recording method according to Claim 44, further including a step of deleting the address information of the specific area following an occurrence of a specified event.

56. (New) A recording method according to Claim 55, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

57. (New) A method according to Claim 53, further including a step of providing said recording limit in said recording medium by configuring the recording medium so that said recording limited area is recognized as defective, and wherein said step of canceling the recording limit includes causing said portion to be no longer recognized as defective.

58. (New) A method according to Claim 53, wherein said step of deleting the address information of the specific area takes place after an occurrence of a specified event.

59. (New) A method according to Claim 53, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

60. (New) A recording method according to Claim 59, further comprising displaying the predetermined data in a step of playing back the predetermined data, and then performing said write operation.

61. (New) A recording method according to Claim 53, further including allocating the specific area in a distributed manner in said user area.

62. (New) A recording medium comprising:
a user area in which a write operation and a read operation are physically enabled;
an administrative area;
said user area including a specific area in which a write operation is logically prohibited,
wherein:
an address information of the specific area is recorded in the administrative area as a defect area, and
the write operation is logically enabled by deleting the address information of the specific area from the administrative area.

63. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 62, wherein the write operation is logically prohibited by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said specific area impossible.

64. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 64,
wherein the write operation is logically enabled in response to reading predetermined information, and
wherein said predetermined information and said address information are recorded at the same location.
65. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 62,
wherein said write operation is logically enabled in response to reading predetermined information, and
wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.
66. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 62,
wherein the specific area of the recording medium is recognized as defective, and
wherein the write operation is rendered logically enabled by causing said specific area to be no longer recognized as defective.
67. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 62, wherein the write operation is logically enabled in response to an occurrence of a specified event.

68. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 67, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.

69. (New) A recording and playback apparatus, comprising:

a microprocessor that controls read and write operations with respect to a recording medium having a user area in which a write operation and a read operation are physically enabled;

said recording medium having an administrative area;

said user area including a specific area in which a write operation directed by said microprocessor is logically prohibited,

wherein:

an address information of the specific area is recorded in the administrative area as a defect area, and

the write operation is logically enabled by deleting the address information of the specific area from the administrative area.

70. (New) A recording and playback apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the write operation is logically prohibited by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said specific area impossible.

71. (New) A recording and playback apparatus according to Claim 69,

wherein the write operation is logically enabled in response to reading predetermined information, and

wherein said predetermined information and said address information are recorded at the same location.

72. (New) A recording and playback apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein said write operation is logically enabled in response to reading predetermined information, and

wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.

73. (New) A recording and playback apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the specific area of the recording medium is recognized as defective, and wherein the write operation is rendered logically enabled by causing said specific area to be no longer recognized as defective.

74. (New) A recording and playback apparatus according to Claim 69, wherein the write operation is logically enabled in response to an occurrence of a specified event.

75. (New) A recording and playback apparatus according to Claim 74, wherein said specified event includes displaying predetermined information.